

parties, until after the war is fought to a successful close. Although there was considerable personal objection on the part of many individual senators and representatives to the administration military bill, even after it had been amended to meet some of the most pronounced objections, the bill was passed by congress promptly. The objections were not to the principle involved in the bill—to provide authority for the organization of a federal volunteer army in time of war—but to some of the details connected with the organization of the various branches of the volunteer army. The sinews of war must be provided, and the House ways and means committee will report a bill to add about \$1,000,000 a year to our revenues. The question of a bond issue has not been fully decided, but the chances are that there will be one.

#### Let Flagstaff Wake Up.

A plan has been broached for the establishment in Prescott of a summer normal school. The idea has inception with the trustees of the territorial normal school at Tempe, and the services of the board, and of the entire faculty of the school are freely offered. The plan is to offer a sixty days' course in pedagogy and school management for the special benefit of the teachers of Arizona, nearly all of whom are idle during the months of July and August. Work on the matter should at once be begun by the citizens of Prescott. The first essential is to assure the teachers of accommodations at low rates. The school trustees could co-operate in offering one of the school buildings for the housing of the normal. With proper effort at least 100 of Arizona's teachers can be brought to Prescott to spend the summer vacation.—Journal-Miner.

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#### AN INTERESTING RELIC.

##### A Gun of Date 1747 on Exhibition in Phoenix.

Mr. D. A. Abrams stood guard, Friday afternoon, at the corner of the Phoenix National bank. He was not standing sentinel over that institution, however, but over a treasure hardly less precious. It was an old-fashioned flint-lock rifle, gaily ornamented with American flags and below it was the following inscription:

##### OLD GLORY.

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THIS GUN WAS CARRIED THROUGH THE  
REVOLUTIONARY WAR BY JAMES

A. FLEMING'S ANCESTORS.

The story is told that about three years ago, when Mr. Fleming paid a visit to the place of his birth in Indiana county, Pa., he found the old flint-lock in an attic. He captured the treasure and brought it to Phoenix with him. On its stock is engraved the date "1747" and the word "Randsford."

Comparatively few persons have ever seen a flint-lock; therefore, hundreds of persons passing by stopped and looked at it with great interest.—Gazette.

E. R. Bayles has returned to Flagstaff and taken a solemn vow to remain here unless he goes to fight Spain. He has purchased the barber shop on San Francisco avenue and invites his old customers to give him a call.

The drought is so intense on the California desert that hundreds of thousands of acres of grease wood is dying. Almost all vegetation between Mohave and the Death Valley will be swept away. There will not be a blossom of any kind where last spring was a vast panorama of opening and constantly changing bloom for many weeks.